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SUBJ: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON YUGOSLAV CROP CONDITIONS

1. FEDERAL STATISTICAL INSTITUTE OFFICIALLY ESTIMATED 1975 WHEAT CROP AT 4,844,000 TONS FROM 1,620,000 HECTARES. SINCE ESTIMATE WAS BASED ON CONDITION AS OF JUNE 20, IT DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT LOSSES DUE TO JUNE 30 STORM. IN MID-JULY HARVESTING CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT FOLLOWING A PERIOD OF VARIABLE WEATHER INCLUDING SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS EARLY IN THE MONTH.

OFFICIAL OF FEDERAL DIRECTORATE FOR FOOD RESERVES TOLD AG ATT THAT BASED ON LATEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION, HE FELT WHEAT CROP WOULD NOT BE SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW OFFICIAL ESTIMATE. STATEMENTS BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND FEDERAL COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS POINT TO A WHEAT CROP OF ABOUT 4.7 MILLION TONS.

2. FEDERAL DIRECTORATE FOR FOOD RESERVES AND MIN FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIALS INDICATED IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME WHEAT IMPORTS MAY BE REQUIRED BUT IS IT TOO EARLY TO TELL. IT WILL DEPEND ON QUAL-  
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ITY OF WHEAT CROP (EARLY REPORTS PLACE TEST WEIGHTS IN SOME LOCAL-

ITIES AS LOW AS 70 KILOGRAMS PER HECTOLITER) AND THE ABILITY OF DIRECTORATE FOR FOOD RESERVES TO PURCHASE GRAIN. IF WHEAT FROM PRIVATE SECTOR, WHICH NORMALLY ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT 63 PERCENT OF THE CROP, IS WITHHELD FROM THE MARKET, SOME IMPORTS MAY BE MADE TO STABILIZE DOMESTIC MARKET. NO WHEAT IMPORTS ARE SHOWN IN S&D FOR WHEAT AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, IF GRAIN PURCHASES LAG IMPORTS OF UP TO AN ESTIMATED 100,000 TONS COULD DEVELOP.

3. PRELIMINARY REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE ECONOMIC CHAMBER OF YUGOSLAVIA INDICATES THAT THE CORN CROP IS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. WITH NORMAL WEATHER BETWEEN NOW AND THE HARVEST A CROP OF MORE THAN 8.0 MILLION TONS CAN BE EXPECTED.

4. REVISED 1975/76 SUPPLY-DEMAND ESTIMATES BASED ON LATEST INFORMATION FOR WHEAT AND CORN (AREA 1,000 HA, YIELD Q/HA AND ALL OTHER IN 1,000 M/T) FOLLOWS:

	WHEAT	CORN
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AREA	1,620	2,400
YIELD	29.0	33.3
PRODUCTION	4,700	8,000
BEGINNING STOCKS	1,405	715
IMPORTS	0	---
EXPORTS	5	20
DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION	5,425	8,000
ENDING STOCKS	675	695

5. AREA PLANTED TO SUNFLOWERS AND SOYBEANS ARE 207,516 AND 18,000 HECTARES, RESPECTIVELY. DIRECTOR BUSINESS ASSOCIATION OF OIL PRODUCERS TOLD AGATT THAT WEATHER CONDITIONS DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS HAVE BEEN NEAR PERFECT AND THAT SUNFLOWERS ARE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. (REF C) THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE OF VOJVODINA WHERE 80 PERCENT OF CROP IS GROWN. WHILE HE WAS NOT AS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SOYBEAN YIELDS, CONDITIONS WERE DESCRIBED AS GOOD. OUR PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF 1975 SUNFLOWER AND SOYBEAN CROPS ARE 375,000 AND 25,000 TONS, RESPECTIVELY. THUS, VEGETABLE OIL PRODUCTION FROM THE 1975 CROPS WOULD BE ROUGHLY 155,000 TONS OR 30,000 TONS MORE THAN FROM THE DISAPPOINTING 1974 CROP. MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE TOLD ECON COUNSELOR THAT YUGOSLAV EDIBLE VEGETABLE OIL IMPORTS IN CY1975 WOULD BE 130,000 TONS. IN CY1974 UNCLASSIFIED

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EDIBLE OIL IMPORTS WERE ABOUT 53,000 TONS.

6. SUGAR BEETS WERE PLANTED ON A RECORD 113,000 HECTARES. SUGAR BEETS SEEN WERE IN GOOD CONDITION (REF C) AND WITH VERY GOOD MOISTURE CONDITIONS AT LEAST AVERAGE YIELD CAN BE ANTICIPATED. MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE STATED THAT CY1975 SUGAR IMPORTS WOULD BE ABOUT 150,000 TONS COMPARED TO 111,577 IN CY1974. WITH PLANTED AREAS BEING 15 PERCENT BELOW PLAN, SUGAR IMPORTS WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE

INTO 1976 (REF B).

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